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**JOSE CANSECO FORMER MLB PLAYER AND CONTROVERSIAL AUTHOR TOMAKE FIRST COLLEGE APPEARANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

GAINESVILLE, Fla.-- Jose Canseco will speak at the University of Florida in the O'Connell Center at 8 p.m on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. Canseco's appearance is sponsored by ACCENT Speaker's Bureau, and like all ACCENT events, admission is free and open to the public. Doors will open promptly at 7 p.m. His speech is entitled, "JUICED: A Look at Steroids, Baseball, and the Future of Sports." A Press Conference will take place in the Martial Arts room of the O'Connell Center promptly at 6:30pm. Proper credentials are required and all journalists may enter through Gate 1.

Canseco was first drafted to the Oakland Athletics in 1982. Since then, Canseco has continued a long and successful career in Major League Baseball. Canseco was the first player in major league history to hit 40 homeruns and steal 40 bases in one season. Canseco was also the Major League homerun champion in 1991, and became the 28<sup>th</sup> member of the 400-homerun club in 1999. Canseco has played for several major league baseball teams including the Oakland Athletics, Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Toronto Blue Jays and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Canseco's career has taken a new direction, and he is now author of the best-selling book, "JUICED: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball got Big." The controversial book explores the use of steroids in MLB and outs many prominent names such as former "Bash Brother" Mark McGuire for being avid steroid users. Canseco is touring the country promoting his new book with the appropriately named title of his tour being "JUICED."

The University of Florida will be his first college appearance on his "Juiced" tour, which has thus far included Hannity and Colmes, Howard Stern and 60 Minutes. During his interview with 60 Minutes and in his book, Canseco admitted to using steroids during his 16-year-long career that ended in 2001.

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